

To: Way, Steven[way.steven@epa.gov]
From: Powell, Greg
Sent: Sat 8/29/2015 12:14:20 PM
Subject: Re: Copper Env - Dave McCarthy : GK Water Quality Data

Steve:

I would take samples from the Red Bonita ponds since those samples would represent lime addition .

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2015, at 12:53 AM, Way, Steven <way.steven@epa.gov> wrote:

Dave,

The solids sampled for the treatment system analysis were collected from a settling pond (Pond 1) that has been impacted now by a solids removal / dewatering system – additional caustic and flocculent addition. So, those solids may not be representative of the system output at this time. I recommend not doing any analyses on that material.

When you arrive onsite, we'll make a plan to obtain a solids sample.

I'll look forward to your arrival Sunday.

Steve

Steven Way

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From: Dave McCarthy [<mailto:dave.mccarthy@copperenv.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 3:42 PM
To: 'Petri, Elliott'; 'Christner, Jan'; Way, Steven; jim.jonas@copperenv.com
Cc: Powell, Greg; Myers, Craig; Dhieux, Joyel; Guy, Kerry
Subject: RE: Copper Env - Dave McCarthy : GK Water Quality Data

Elliott:

Thank you for the very quick response.

Dave

Dave McCarthy

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From: Petri, Elliott [<mailto:Elliott.Petri@WestonSolutions.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 3:38 PM
To: Dave McCarthy; Christner, Jan; 'Way, Steven'; jim.jonas@copperenv.com
Cc: 'Powell, Greg'; 'Myers, Craig'; 'Dhieux, Joyel'; guy.kerry@epa.gov

Subject: RE: Copper Env - Dave McCarthy : GK Water Quality Data

We have collected ~10 gallons of mine water and ~2 gallons of sludge. We sent them to be shipped and pending drop time should be on their way this evening to:

Attn: Dave McCarthy

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Thank you,

Elliott

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From: Dave McCarthy [<mailto:dave.mccarthy@copperenv.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 3:29 PM

To: Christner, Jan <Jan.Christner@WestonSolutions.com>; 'Way, Steven' <way.steven@epa.gov>; jim.jonas@copperenv.com

Cc: 'Powell, Greg' <Powell.Greg@epa.gov>; Petri, Elliott <Elliott.Petri@WestonSolutions.com>; 'Myers, Craig' <Myers.Craig@epa.gov>; 'Dhieux, Joyel' <Dhieux.Joyel@epa.gov>; guy.kerry@epa.gov

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Jan:

Thank you for the information, it will help tremendously in getting us up to speed. I have included Jim Jonas on this email, as he may have some additional data requests.

Thanks again,

Dave

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From: Christner, Jan [<mailto:Jan.Christner@WestonSolutions.com>]

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 10:46 AM

To: Way, Steven

Cc: Powell, Greg; Petri, Elliott; Myers, Craig; Dhieux, Joyel; Dave McCarthy; guy.kerry@epa.gov

Subject: RE: Copper Env - Dave McCarthy : GK Water Quality Data

Hi, Dave.

Please see the attached data for the Gold King Mine discharge. The Excel spreadsheet also shows concentrations and % removal from the current pond system.

I am also attaching some potential discharge objectives but these are very draft and decisions regarding effluent limits will be made by people other than me.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information. We can send a bucket of site water if needed.

Jan

Jan Christner

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505-797-1154 (better number to use)

From: Way, Steven [<mailto:way.steven@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 10:30 AM

To: Christner, Jan

Cc: Powell, Greg; Petri, Elliott; Myers, Craig; Dhieux, Joyel; Dave McCarthy

Subject: Fwd: Copper Env - Dave McCarthy : GK Water Quality Data

Jan - would you please provide Dave with the GK discharge data and our information on potential temporary discharge / effluent quality objectives. They are providing technical expertise on Lime Addition system set up and operation / optimization.

Please do this ASAP. I will ask that you contact him to be a point of contact on information needs for now - existing data from our sampling, etc. Elliott will provide him the layout for proposed retention ponds at Gladstone.

They will be onsite next week, so it would helpful to get this quickly.

Thank you,

STeve

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dave McCarthy <dave.mccarthy@copperenv.com>

Date: August 24, 2015 at 5:55:18 PM MDT

To: Steven Way <Way.Steven@epamail.epa.gov>

Subject: Water Quality Data

Steve:

Thanks for the information during our call this afternoon regarding water treatment system options at the Gold King. I believe we can help you develop a reliable treatment system in a timely manner. As discussed during the call, any water chemistry and acidity titration data would be helpful. In addition, any of the following information would be helpful:

1. a base aerial image of the current site condition;
2. any topography data / CAD files of site;
3. location and size of buildings that could potentially be used; and
4. iron speciation data.

We will be in touch again soon.

Thanks again for the opportunity to help,

Dave

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